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LT. GOV. STEELE TO ATTEND ANNUAL TORCH RUN, WALK, AND TUG OF WAR FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

***Events will raise thousands for charity
Tuesday, May 18 at 10 a.m. in Jessup***

TOWSON, MD (May 6, 2004)--- Maryland Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele will help kick-off the colorful Division of Correction Torch Run, Walk, and Tug of War for Special Olympics on Tuesday, May 18th at 10 a.m. on the range at the Jessup prison complex. This event draws hundreds of correctional officers and law enforcers from across the state and is a major annual fundraiser for Special Olympics Maryland. Since 1993, dedicated correctional officers and other DPSCS employees have raised nearly \$200,000 for Special Olympics.

The event begins with an annual torch run and walk. Runners will carry the Special Olympics torch from the Howard County Detention Center to the Jessup range, then hand over the "Flame of Hope" to Lt. Governor Steele, who will start the walk around the prison complex.

The Tug of War is just that: an actual rope pulling competition consisting of teams from many Division of Correction prisons and other facilities, and several teams of police officers and law enforcers from across Maryland. The first tug begins at approximately 11 a.m. after brief remarks by Lt. Governor Steele.

Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Tug of War teams are officially weighed-in at the Jessup range
9:00	Walkers register and play "Md. Special Olympics Trivia"
9:15	Runners leave Howard Co. Detention Center on Md. 175
10:00	Runners arrive at the range and hand over the torch to Lt. Gov. Steele
11:00	Tug of War begins; awards ceremony follows

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